(d) the details of Central assistance given to the Government of Delhi during the last three years; and

(e) the achievements made in ths regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) Central assistance of Rs. 19.70 lakh was realesed during 1993-94 under Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. No assistance was given to the Government of Delhi during 1994-95 and 1995-96 as no request for assistance was received.

(e) The expenditure reported in this regard was Rs. 10.82 lakhs.

[English]

Construction of Residential Flats

*208. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct residential flats in Metropolitan cities, in a large way, keeping in view the hardships of Central Government employees including the employees under the special pool waiting for Government accommodation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have felt the need to expedite the allotment of accommodation to such employees; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Construction of houses for Central Government employees eligible for allotment of accommodation from the General Pool in taken up under the Central Plan Scheme of construction of General Pool Residential Accomodation. Individual proposals for construction of General Pool Housing are intially considered by the Prioritisation Committee in the Department of Urban Development taking into account the level of satisfaction, availability of land, commitment of funds required for on-going projects and funds available for new projects. Based on these considerations, construction of General Pool accommodation is being undertaken in Metropolitan cities where the demand is high and the percentage of satisfaction is low.

(c) and (d). Apart from stepping up the construction activities subject to plan allocations, the following steps have been taken to expedite the allotment of Government Accommodation :

(i) Streamlining the system by means of which allotments are made stictly according to the waiting list.

(ii) Initiation of timely action for vacation of houses from those who are no longer eligible for Government Accomodation.

(iii) Taking timely for cancellation/eviction against unauthorised occupants including those involved in subletting of Government Accommodation.

Crude Oil Production

*209. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has scaled down the crude oil production targets during the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the production target fixed for 1995-96; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production keeping in view the fact that the country is struggling to conserve foreign exchange to meet the import requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). The ONGC has projected crude oil production of 31.092 MMT during 1996-97 compared to the target of 33.316 MMT fixed last year. The reasons for lowered projections by ONGC are –

- Reduction in anticipated production from the major fields of BRBC, especially Bombay High and Neelam, due to unexpected reservoir behaviour, not in conformity with earlier predictions.
- Subdued activities in ERBC due to continued adverse operating conditions.

(d) Various steps taken to increase indigenous production of crude oil are –

(i) Development of new fields and additional development of existing fields.

(ii) Implementation of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Schemes and extension of some of EOR schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.

(iii) Implementation of certain specialised technology such as extended reach drilling, horizontal and drain hole drilling.